





Whatever amount of revenue may be at the disposal of the government, after satisfying the inexorable demands of the Civil List and the national creditors is not likely to go begging for employment. Indeed the chief difficulty will be to select from the many needs the greatest. Let us hope that His Excellency the Governor has learned to regard the agricultural interests of the country in their true light, and that, in the apportionment of revenue, these interests will receive that attention to which their unquestionable importance so justly entitles them. It is greatly to be regretted that the misadventure which has confined the Governor to his room during these four months past has rendered a more extended personal knowledge of the country impossible. It would ill become us not to accord due credit to His Excellency for having seen more of the colony during the first month of his administration than most Governors would have seen during the six; and it would be equally unjust not to say that he has done more real work while prostrated on a sick bed than most Governors would have done under more favorable circumstances. In so far as working up the affairs of the colony is concerned, it would indeed be wrong to say that the public service has suffered in consequence of an accident which all so deeply regret, less, however, on public grounds than from private sympathy. But, if one might be permitted to judge from the activity and determination to see and judge for himself exhibited by His Excellency, prior to bodily disablement, it is not unreasonable to think that, had circumstances permitted, few inhabited parts of the colony would have been left unvisited. Yet, if His Excellency's legs have, unfortunately, been rendered inactive for a season, his brain and hands have not been idle; and although that knowledge acquired through others may be presumed to be less valuable than that which is the direct result of personal observation, it is to be believed that the Governor has made himself familiar with the country to an extent perfectly wonderful, considering the disadvantage under which he has labored. May we not hope that this knowledge will have its due influence in making out the work and expenditure of the fiscal year? Allusion has been made to the agricultural interests. On this island many of the settlers find themselves virtually excluded from the principal market, owing to the absence of passable roads. Driven far back by the 'land sharks' into whose insatiable maws the country for many miles around this city fell, the farmers are for all practical purposes farther from our markets than are those of Oregon and Washington Territory; and hence it is that they cannot endure foreign competition. Whatever means may be employed with a view to curing this agrarian evil, it must be perfectly obvious that rural roads to connect the farmers with the markets are essential. As a means of opening up the terra incognita constituting the great centre of this island, a trunk road should be indicated by the immediate location of a trail or bridle-path. It is scarcely creditable—it is almost inconceivable that our knowledge of Vancouver Island scarcely extends beyond the mere fringe. For aught that we can tell there may exist in the centre a race of beings unknown to civilization; there may be mines rich in the precious metals and in diamonds; there may be a garden of Eden—who knows? The area of the island is not very great. Are the people so little penetrated by a spirit of enterprise, adventure, even curiosity as to spend a lifetime on its margin and die in ignorance of its interior? If so, the Government could not do better than import a few explorers from some other part of the world. Passing to the continent, we find what may with truth be termed the most promising agricultural district of the United Colony deplorably destitute of roads. It may fairly be assumed, however, that in this year's expenditure due regard will be had for the so often violated promise of constructing a road between New Westminster and Yale, as well as completing the road which connects the former town with Burrard Inlet. Proceeding higher up the river, the really magnificent settlements at Shumas and Chilliwack would appear to have a just claim for aid in constructing roads and bridges. In these settlements there is no lack of self reliance amongst the people; but it would be unreasonable to expect that, in the earlier stages of colonization, they can bear the entire burden of constructing roads and bridges essential to the prosperity of settlements to which water communication is only available during about eight months in the year, and for the stock-raising interests of which such communication is ill adapted at any time. There is surely nothing unreasonable in these settlers thinking themselves entitled to such help in return for all they contribute towards the revenue and general prosperity of the colony. Nay, it is difficult to see in what way a certain portion of the revenue could be employed to greater advantage to the whole country. As agriculture lies at the root of general wellbeing, so help judiciously extended to that interest is help extended to all. An old proverb says 'Take care of the

pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves.' Fitting the maxim to the occasion, it may be said, with no little force of truth, 'Take care of agriculture, and the other interests will take care of themselves.'

**By Electric Telegraph.**  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

**LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.**  
**Europe.**  
LONDON, Feb 8.—After reading the Queen's Speech in the House of Lords, an address was made to her Majesty, referring to the Irish question. The Lord Chancellor regretted the absence of the Queen, but hoped she would soon be well. He also regretted the absence of any reference to the distrust now prevailing in the colonies. The reference in the Queen's speech to national education was commendable—but he was amazed to see Scotland and Ireland out of the scheme. John Bright is ill. Wick Harbor has been destroyed by a hurricane. Gladstone was cheered upon entering the Chamber. He gave notice that he should vote for the expulsion of the member for Tipperary because he was under sentence of penal servitude and his seat was consequently vacant. Disraeli was also heartily cheered. He thought discussion of important topics at such a period untimely. Ireland was full of dissatisfaction, murder and secret societies. The Government was bound to interfere. Royalists were oppressed and Catholic priests were heartily supported. Gladstone replied and admitted the difficulty of the position of the Government, and their opponents also admitted the gravity of the situation. He complimented Disraeli on the moderation of his Government.

**Eastern States.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb 8.—In the House the Committee have agreed to report a bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad to issue bonds secured by the lands of said territory, and to change their western terminus from Puget Sound to Columbia River. PUGHKEEPSIE, Feb 8.—A snow storm has prevailed all day. The snow is ten inches deep on a level, with heavy drifts. Travel is much impeded.

**Need of a Railway Across British North America.**  
Viscount Milton, through some early follies which came somehow before the public notice, obtained the character of a 'fast' young nobleman; but of that reputation the record of his severe endurance as a traveler among the Rocky Mountains with Dr. Cheadle amply cleared him. He sits in Parliament for one of the most important constituencies of the kingdom, and he is heir to the great estates and to the title of Earl Fitzwilliam. Lord Milton is an intelligent young Peer. Lately he has been engaged in compiling, mainly from documents published in the States, a history of the San Juan Water Boundary question, as affecting the division of territory between Great Britain and America. He contends that it is essential Great Britain should make and preserve a direct communication with the East through the continent of America, the passages through which the continent of the United States will otherwise be long close. This communication can be made by means of a railroad connecting the British possessions on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard. Starting from the magnificent harbor of Halifax, the line would run to Quebec, along the northern shore of Lake Superior, between Lake Winnipeg and Fort Garry to New Westminster, near the mouth of the Fraser, on the Gulf of Georgia, or to Bute Inlet. To modern engineers the Rocky Mountains present no insurmountable obstacle, and the projected line, shorter by some hundreds of miles than the present Pacific Railroad, would be the most direct route for the commerce between London and China, Corea, Japan and the Eastern Archipelago. Such an undertaking might relieve the labor market of England, and the workmen employed upon it would develop the resources of a territory which would afterwards become their own. 'But,' exclaims the future Earl Fitzwilliam, 'of what use are such hopes as these, if the gate of the Pacific is to be closed to Great Britain and the Dominion by United States forts? Shut out from the Pacific, the territory spoken of must perforce join its interest with those of the United States and be added to the great protective fedracy against the commercial energy of the people of Great Britain. If British interests on the North Pacific coast of America are to be protected from the possibility of injury, the island of San Juan will 'form a portion of British territory, and will be strongly and skillfully fortified.' It is impossible to believe, he urges, that the United States would have so persistently advanced their claims to the Haro Archipelago, unless influenced by some ulterior motives, as for instance, by the wish to destroy the existence of England as a power on the Pacific. The unwillingness of America to assent to arbitration is made much of in the book.

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ON AND AFTER THIS DATE THE rate on letters sent through this office for Great Britain and Ireland will be TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per HALF OUNCE, instead of 37½ cents as heretofore.  
F. GARESCHE, Agent.  
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**Caledonian Benevolent Association.**  
A MEETING OF THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION for the transaction of important business will be held at Smith's Hall, Government street, on Monday, the 14th inst, at half past 7 o'clock p.m. A full attendance of members is requested.  
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WM. LEIGH, Sec'y of Local Board.  
City Council Chambers, Feb 9, 1870. fcl 1m

**Notice—to The Public.**  
ALL PERSONS ARE CAUTIONED against trusting my wife Mary Ann Scully or any of my children on my account, as I will not be responsible for debts contracted by them after this date.  
WILLIAM SCULLY.  
Moss St, Victoria Dist, B.C., Feb 8, 1870. fcl 3d

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By the popular and natural interpreter of character,  
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Monday Evening, February 14th,  
Representing an episode from  
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**COURT OF REVISION.**  
THE COURT APPOINTED MONDAY, 22nd day of February next for its first sittings, and directed the attention of appellants to the following section of the Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869.  
Sec. 6. "In case any person shall, whether by reason of a change in the value of property or otherwise, feel himself aggrieved at the amount at which he or any other person may be assessed, it shall be lawful for such aggrieved person to appeal to the Court of Revision on or before the day of the day immediately preceding the first sitting of the Court, have caused the Clerk of said Municipal Council to be served with a notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof."  
By order, WM. T. LEIGH, Jr., Clerk of the Court.  
Victoria, British Columbia, Jan 31, 1870. fcl 3d

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**COURT OF REVISION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the second sittings of the Court of Revision will be held on MONDAY, the 14th inst, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.  
And notice is further given to all appellants against the Assessments of the Municipal Town Council that they must appear in person or by agent before the Court to present their appeals. In default of appearance they will be liable to have their cases struck out.  
By order, WM. T. LEIGH, Jr., Clerk of the Court.  
Victoria, B.C., Feb 9, 1870. fcl 3d

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